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SUBJ: MA SSU TS'SUNG ET AL (C1-74-0604)

REF: A. BANGKOK 6929 DATED APRIL 21, 1975

B. STATE 100657

1. ON APRIL 23, 1975, AGENTS OF THE BANGKOK REGIONAL OFFICE MET AGAIN WITH THE THAI SPECIAL BRANCH (SB) OFFICER HANDLING THE EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR MA SSU TS'SUNG ET AL TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE EXTRADITION REQUEST.

2. THE SB OFFICER TOLD THE AGENTS THAT HE AND HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR HAD BEEN CALLED BEFORE POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL PHOT PHEKANAN TO OUTLINE WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE EXTRADITION INVESTIGATION. THIS INTERVIEW WAS IN ALL LIKELIHOOD A DIRECT RESULT OF CHAGE D'AFFAIRES MEETING GENERAL PHOT ON 04/21/75. SEE REFTEL A FOR DETAILS.

3. THE SB OFFICER EXPLAINED TO THE DG WHAT STEPS HE HAD TAKEN AND AT WHAT STAGE THE INVESTIGATION WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURRENTLY RESIDING. THE DG ALLEGEDLY ASKED IF THE

AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WERE ASSISTING THE INVESTIGATION AND WAS INFORMED THAT THEY WERE AIDING SPECIAL BRANCH BY PROVIDING IDENTIFICATION DATA AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THE THREE SUBJECTS BEING SOUGHT. PHOT WAS SHOWN COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MA SSU TS'SUNG, ANEKE YENSUKSAKHUL AND TONY MA WHICH DEA PROVIDED SPECIAL BRANCH. THE DG INDICATED HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE WAY THE INVESTIGATION WAS BEING HANDLED.

4. THE SB OFFICER STATED THAT HE HOPED TO COMPLETE HIS INVESTIGATION BY THE END OF APRIL. IF NOT COMPLETED BY MAY 15 HE SAID THAT HE WOULD FORWARD WHAT HE HAD OBTAINED TO HIS SUPERIOR. HIS SUPERIOR WOULD THEN PASS IT ON TO THE DG. DEPENDING ON HANDLING, IT COULD TAKE A FEW DAYS OR A MONTH FOR THE CASE TO REACH THE DG'S OFFICE. UPON RECEIPT OF THE CASE THE DG WILL REVIEW IT AND DECIDE IF THE CASE SHOULD GO TO THE PROSECUTOR. SHOULD HE DECIDE TO FORWARD THE CASE TO THE PROSECUTOR HE WILL ALSO RECOMMEND THE TYPE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN (E.G. EXTRADITION, LOCAL TRIAL, OR REVOCATION OF CITIZENSHIP). IT COULD TAKE TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH FOR THE CASE TO REACH THE PROSECUTOR. IF THE DG AND THE PROSECUTOR DECIDE THAT THE RTG SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REVOKE THE SUBJECTS' CITIZENSHIP, A SPECIAL COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE DG, THE PROSECUTOR, AND HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE MOI, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (MOI) WILL REVIEW THE CASE TO DECIDE IF IT SHOULD GO TO THE COURTS FOR FINAL DISPOSITION. THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE ABOUT ONE MONTH. SHOULD THE CASE GET TO THE COURTS, IT COULD BE ANOTHER SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED. IT MAY BE WORTH NOTING THAT THE SB OFFICER WILL RECOMMEND TO THE DG THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO REVOKE THE SUBJECTS' CITIZENSHIP. HE FEELS THAT ONLY BY THIS MEANS IS THERE A CHANCE OF SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTING THE THREE INDIVIDUALS AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEPORTING THEM AS UNDESIRABLES.

5. THE SB OFFICER COMMENTED THAT HE HAD ASKED MOI & MFA TO FORWARD TO THE U.S. MISSION A LETTER ASKING WHETHER OR NOT THE USG WOULD BE WILLING TO RECIPROCATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE THE RTG TO REQUEST EXTRADITION OF A U.S. CITIZEN UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. HE STATED THAT THE COURT PRIOR TO ANY DECISION WOULD PROBABLY WANT CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT. (COMMENT: THIS REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED IN THE MISSION.)

6. COMMENT ON PARA ONE REFTEL B WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY. MASTERS

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